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SUBJECT: ENRILE AND THE TRIPOLI AGREEMENT

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1. DURING FONSEC ROMULO'S ANNUAL RECEPTION FOR DIPLOMATIC CORPS JANUARY 11, I ENCOUNTERED DEFENSE SECRETARY ENRILE WHO CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM LONG WEEKEND IN HONG KONG. ENRILE SAID HE HAD BEEN THERE ON "ADVICE" OF PRESIDENT MARCOS, WHO FELT HE NEEDED CHANGE OF SCENE.

2. ENRILE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD VIGOROUSLY CRITICIZED TRIPOLI AGREEMENT DURING NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AND THAT THIS CRITICISM HAD RESULTED IN CONFRONTATION WITH IMELDA MARCOS. ENRILE CONSIDERS THAT THE AGREEMENT IS "FULL OF HOLES" AND THAT IT CAN BE USED TO DISADVANTAGE
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OF GOP. HE SAID THAT "AS A LAWYER" HE CAN GIVE ONLY ONE INTERPRETATION TO SOME OF THE CLAUSES WHICH IMELDA HAS TRIED TO CONSTRUE AS SATISFACTORY. HE FEELS THAT WHEN THEY BECOME PUBLIC GOP WILL BE STUCK WITH VERY ADVERSE SITUATION.

3. ENRILE SAID THAT PUBLICLY HE WILL SUPPORT MARCOS AND

THE FAVORABLE INTERPRETATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT. BUT,
PRIVATELY, HE WILL TRY TO KEEP THE PRESIDENT ALERT TO THE
PITFALLS AND TO AVOID MORE DIFFICULTIES IN THE NEXT
NEGOTIATING ROUND. HE SAID HE THINKS PRESIDENT IS ALREADY
BEGINNING TO SHARE HIS DOUBTS.

4. COMMENT: ENRILE AND IMELDA ARE CONSISTENTLY AT ODDS,
BUT THIS IS ONE OCCASION WHEN THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY WILL
PROBABLY BACK ENRILE COMPLETELY AGAINST IMELDA AND I
ASSUME HE WILL WASTENO OPPORTUNITY TO INSTRUCT MILITARY ON
HER FAILINGS.
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